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TAHOKA, LYNN COUNTY, TEXAS

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area gins. It is possible that Lynn County producers

with an abundant cotton crop for 2005.

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Area Bale Count (as of Tuesday)

46,239
28,969
28,539
16,276
16,000
12,000
5,766
4,118
2,453
160,360



Another Great Year! Area Gins Eye Possibility of Record-Setting Bale Counts



Lynn County gins are working around the clock to gin what is possibly another recordsetting cotton crop produced in Lynn County - with bale counts predicted at equal to or exceeding last year's impressive numbers that far exceeded previous records.

Thousands of cotton modules can be seen in stripped fields across the county and lined up for processing at area gins, and producers are still running strippers in many fields. Sunny, dry weather has cooperated with the harvest this year, and the quality of the cotton already ginned is being reported as "excellent." The 2004 cotton harvest, which ran into mid-April 2005 before ginning was completely finished, was hampered by wet weather delays, but the bountiful harvest topped out at an amazing 354,500 bales produced in the county. Producers this year have much to be thankful for, with what is turning out to be another great harvest succeeding last year's crop.

"The 2004 crop ranks as the best crop ever for Lynn County, with 354,500 bales of cotton produced, which ranked fifth in Texas counties that produce cotton. The irrigated counties to the north usually beat us because they have more irrigated acres, however. Lynn County ranked first in the United States for dryland production with 227,500 bales produced on non-irrigated acres," said Bryan Reynolds, Lynn County Extension Agent-Agriculture.

Gin officials in the area are reporting good bale counts with good turnouts, excellent quality and good grades in this year's cotton crop

"We already have more cotton turned in now than we ginned last year." said Aaron Hendricks, manager at Farmer's Co-Op Gin in O'Donnell. "With what we've got ginned and tagged already it's at 60,000 bales, and we're probably looking at 70,000 bales before we finish." he added. He figured the gin would finish sometime at the end of January or first of February. Last year, the O'Donnell Farmer's Co-Op finished with 54,345 bales, and their record-setting year was in 1992 with 72,000 bales. As of Tuesday morning, 28,539 bales had been ginned, compared to only 6,989 bales ginned at this same date last year (according to records kept by The Lynn) County News). Wet weather delayed last year's harvest and ginning, pushing most gins into March and some into April 2005 before finishing the 2004 crop.

New Home Coop-Lakeview Gin is also having a busy year, with 89,000 bales ginned and tagged to date, and the possibility of exceeding 92,599 bales ginned in 2004 - their record-setting year.

"We think we may even go past what we did last year - the numbers are just way up there," said Milton Miller, Lakeview gin superintendent. "It's going pretty good, and it looks like we'll go through February, and

Greg Henley To Serve As County Democratic Chairman

Greg Henley of Tahoka has volunteered to serve as Lynn County Democratic Chairman, filling a position needed in order for the county to be able to offer a Democratic Primary in March. Henley called the Lynn County Clerk's Office last week after a story in last week's Lynn County News explained the need for a county chairman, offering his services for the position

"Greg Henley has graciously offered to serve as Lynn County's Democratic Chairman, and we have initiated the paperwork with the Secretary of State's office to officially designate Mr. Henley as County Chairman," said County Clerk Susan Tipton this week. "We really appreciate him stepping forward, because we need to be able to have a Democratic Primary election here." she added.

According to the County Clerk, the duties for a County Chairman mainly occur during a Primary election year, including collecting the fees for those filing for elections and making reports to Austin on candidates' paperwork.

John Baker is Lynn County Republican Chairman

Candidates interested in filing for positions in the Primary elections must file in the County Clerk's Office at the Lynn County Courthouse, Dec. 5-Jan. 2.

Filing Period Opens For County Elections

Monday, Dec. 5 is the opening date for

9th: Open House 9:00 am-4:00 pm Vilson State Bank - Wilson and Tahoka (Mr. & Mrs. Claus at Wilson location 9-12)

15th: Open House 10:00 am-3:00 pm First National Bank of Tahoka

15th: THS Band & Choir Concert 7:00 pm Tahoka High School Auditorium

Contact THE LYNN COUNTY NEWS, 561-4888, Fax 561-6308, E-mail: IcnItahoka@poka.com to be placed on the December events calendar. ent in the county open to the

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Tin Ranch Altercation Brings Foot Race, Felony Charges

An altercation at a post-wedding dance at a tin building in east Tahoka, known as the Tin Ranch, last Saturday night brought more than a dozen law enforcement officers out to the scene, where the building and six vehicles parked nearby were damaged.

Five suspects were arrested and four were charged with felony criminal mischief after a group of persons who allegedly had crashed the private party uninvited were ousted from the building after a fight and then went on a spree of damaging vehicles outside by smashing out windows and striking the vehicles with hammers and a baseball bat.

No one was seriously injured in the fight which broke out inside the building before the group was sent outside about 9 p.m. Saturday.

Officers from the Lynn County Sheriff's Dept., Tahoka and O'Donnell police departments and Dept. of Public Safety went to the scene. When one of the suspects fled on foot into a nearby vacant lot grown up with weeds, a police officer gave chase, but lost the suspect. Other officers joined the search and found the suspect about a half hour later.

The man who fled, Armando Hernandez Ramirez, 35, was jailed, as were four others arrested by sheriff's deputies for attacking the vehicles, which later were determined to be damaged about \$5,100 worth. There also was damage to the building itself.

Jailed were Oscar Hernandez, 22; Jose Brena, 19; Eric Hernandez, 19; and Octavio Hernandez, 25, who was also charged with possession of cocaine. A sheriff's deputy said all five men arrested were citizens of Mexico who have been living in Tahoka.

Two pit bulldogs were impounded by

police after they killed a small Chihuahua in the 900-block of Ave. J in Tahoka Sunday.

Charlene Flores of Tahoka told police that someone took \$56 in cash from her purse while it was left in her car. A suspect was named.

Police stopped a car speeding through the city on U.S. 87 Friday and arrested the 17-year-old Lubbock driver for possession of drug paraphernalia and driving while his license was suspended.

Paul and Gloria Murillo of Tahoka told police someone had keyed both their vehicles Saturday while they were parked at the Tahoka Pioneer Club building. The damaged vchicles were a 2005 Dodge Neon and a 2004 Dodge Dakota pickup.

During the last week, persons were jailed in Lynn County on the following charges: public intoxication, DWI first offense, warrant on prohibited substance in a correctional facility, possession of marijuana under two ounces, warrant on possession of a controlled substance, warrant on evading arrest with a vehicle, possession of a controlled substance less than one gram, no drivers license or liability insurance plus expired registration, manufacture and delivery of a controlled substance more than one gram and less than four grams, failure to identify fugitive from justice, speeding and no proof of liability insurance, criminal mischief over \$1500 plus unlawfully carrying a weapon and public intoxication, failure to identify giving false information to a police officer plus evading arrest, grand jury indictment for DWI with child under 15 years of age.

Total number of persons in jail early this week was 57, with 18 held for Lubbock Co., six for Gaines and one for Garza Co.

then how far into March I just don't know.

The bale count was 28,969 Tuesday morning at Lakeview gin, compared to 11,882 at this same time last year.

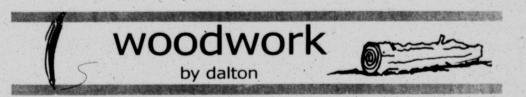
Bob Ballard, manager at Farmer's Co-Op Gin in Tahoka, predicts they will gin 55,000 to 60,000 bales for the 2005 harvest, with a bale count this week at 16,000 (compared to 5,515 same time last year). 2004 was also their record-setting year, at 50,894 bales, and it looks like they will surpass that figure this year.

'We're 45 days behind right now, and we're around 39,000 bales ginned and tagged. Our producers are telling us they are about (0 percent through harvesting. We estimate we'll be finished ginning at the end

(See GINS, page 4)

interested citizens to file for county offices in Lynn County, although technically Dec. 3, a Saturday, is the official first filing date. However, filing takes place during regular business hours at the County Clerk's Office at the Lynn County Courthouse, so Dec. 5 will be the first available date for filing here. The filing period ends Jan. 2, 2006. Primary elections will be held in March, with the General Election held in November 2006.

There are eight county offices up for election this year, all four-year terms, including County Judge, County Treasurer, District Clerk, County Clerk, Commissioner Precincts 2 and 4, and both Justice of Peace Precincts, 1 and 4. The filing fee for all offices is \$750, with the exception of the Justice of Peace offices, which is a \$350. filing fee.



IT WAS A COLD winter day when I was born on Dec. 4 a whole bunch of years ago in Roanoke TX, and I remember laying around that day and wondering if it was always going to be that cold. After all, I didn't have any clothes on when I was born.

Well, I have told that story before, but truthfully I can't remember that far back. I can't even remember living in Roanoke TX, which is in Denton County, and I think my parents were there just long enough for me to make an appearance. Curious to see if Roanoke has a website and if maybe there is a sign as you enter town reading "Birthplace of Dalton Wood," I went on the internet. There is no website and I'm pretty sure no sign, but there was a lot of information about the town on the internet.

When I searched for "Roanoke TX" I came up with 344,567 hits. I was amazed, since I figured Roanoke was just a wide spot in the road, with a few hundred residents. But Roanoke, at the intersection of U.S. 377 and TX 114 near Fort Worth and Dallas, has grown to be a thriving little city. It is near the Texas Motor Speedway, a big race track where drivers go to train for whizzing down 50th and 82nd and other major Lubbock streets.

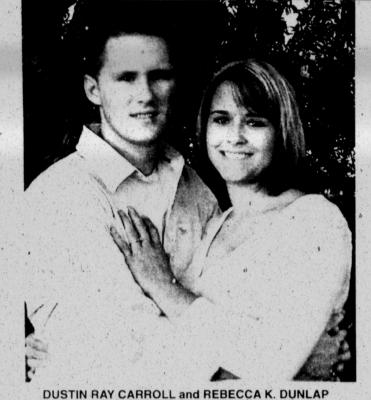
In 2000 the population of Roanoke was 2,810. In 2004 the estimated population was 3,473. And a CNN money report lists it as one of the best places to live; taxes are relatively low and the median income is \$82,000 a year.

I could move there and lower that average somewhat.

I wonder if CNN has a list of the best places to be born, and if Roanoke is on that list. Of course, I was born there only because I wanted to be near my mother.

LORENZO TRIPPI, a lifeguard in Ravenna, Italy, lost his job when three people drowned after he hit them with life preservers. Police said his aim was too good. (According to Uncle John's Bathroom Reader.)

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Dunlap, Carroll **Engagement** Announced

Carl Wayne and Jeri Beth Dunlap of Wolfforth, and Gary and Ginger Ramirez of Wichita Falls, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Rebecca K. (Becky) Dunlap, to Dustin Ray Carroll, son of Ray and Susie Carroll of Iowa Park, Tx.

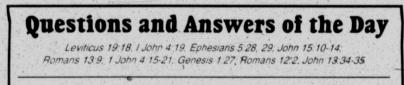
The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mary Beth McKibben of Tahoka, Mr. and Mrs. Don Barnes of Wichita Falls, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Dunlap, and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry McKibben, all of Lubbock. Great grandparents are Mrs and Mrs. J.W. Gardenhire of Taboka.

The future bride is a 2005 graduate of Monterey High School, and received her license in Cosmetology in June 2005

Carroll is a 2004 graduate of Iowa Park High School, and graduated from Plainview TDCJ in August 2005.

The couple plans a January 7, 2006 wedding at Redbud Baptist Church in Lubbock









SANTOS HERNANDEZ

Santos Hernandez

Local cremation arrangements for Santos Hernandez, 67, of Lubbock (formerly of Tahoka) were under the direction of Calvillo Funeral Home of Lubbock.

He died Nov. 25, 2005 in Lubbock. He was born on July 3, 1938 in Sinton, TX. He moved to Lubbock from Tahoka. He was a Catholic.

Survivors include a sister, Josephina Vasquez of Lubbock and several nieces and nephews.

Andrew Vulgamore

Mr. Andrew C. "Andy" Vulgamore, of O'Donnell, peacefully departed this life Monday, November 28, 2005, in Lubbock, Texas at the age of 91 years.

He was born on November 19, 1914 to Joe Vulgamore and Ada Brookshire Vulgamore in Seminole, Oklahoma." He attended school in Seminole, Oklahoma. He married Ethel Childress in 1934. Ethel preceded Mr. Vulgamore in death in 1966. Andrew then married Jean Pierce Bairrington on July 8, 1967 in Lamesa, Texas. Andrew moved from Hunt County, Texas to O'Donnell, Texas in 1942. Mr. Vulgamore owned and operated Quick Service Station in O'Donnell for many years. He was a member of First United Methodist Church in O'Donnell. Andy was also preceded in death by his parents.

Survivors include his wife Jean Pierce of O'Donnell; one daughter, Betty Seay of Lamesa; one stepdaughter: Judy Newby of Russellville Arkansas; and one granddaughter, Connie Blackstock of Lamesa Two great-grandchildren two great-great grandchildren, seven step grandchildren, and ten step great grandchildren also survives him. Formal visitation was held Tuesday, November 29, 2005 at White Funeral Home in O'Donnell, Texas: Funeral services were held at 2:00 P.M., Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2005 at First United Methodist Church in O'Donnell, Texas with Rev. Toni Bayley and Rev. Jim Stephens, officiating. Interment followed in O'Donnell Cemetery under the direction of White Funeral Home of Tahoka (PAID)

Graveside services for Tim Conatser, 62, of Mission, Texas will be held on Thursday, Dec. 1, at 11:00 a.m. at Nevels Memorial Park Cemetery in Tahoka. He died November 24, 2005 at his home in Mission. He was born October 13, 1943 to Charlie L. and Jennie L.

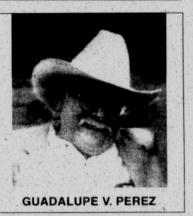
Tim Conatser

preceded him in death. He was a minister with Church of Christ for 20 years and an English teacher at Mission High School for 17 years. He was currently serving as President of the Board of Directors at Speer Memorial Library.

(Gardner) Conatser, who both

Survivers include his wife, Lema Conatser of Mission; his childrem, Lori (Jeremiah) Jackson of McAllen, Charlei Berry of Mission and Robert Timothy (Julie) Conatser of Irvine, CA.; six grandchildren, Alexander Jackson, Elyssa Jackson, J.R. Berry, Emma Conatser, Ethan Conatser, and Madeleine Conatser; and three brothers, Donald, Ronald, and Duane Conatser.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Speer Memorial Library, 801 E. 12th Street, Mission, Texas 78572. Services are under the direction of Ric Brown Family Funeral Home in Mission. (PAID)



Guadalupe V. Perez

Funeral services for Guadalupe V. Perez, 64, of O'Donnell were held at 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 23 át La Primera Iglesia Bautista in O'Donnell with Pastor Tobias Gonzalez, officiating. Interment followed in O'Donnell Cemetery under the direction of White Funeral Home of Tahoka.



MR. AND MRS. CECIL RAY OWEN **Couple Celebrates Golden Anniversary**

Cecil Ray and Mary Belle Owen of Tahoka will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on December 3, 2005 at 727 Avenue O in Tahoka, with a come and go reception from 2-5 p.m., hosted by their children.

Owen and the former Mary Belle Stice married December 1, 1955 in Tahoka. The couple has three children, Roxie Ann Dunlap of Ardmore, OK., Mary Lou Walton of Tahoka, and Johnny T. Owen of Ouray, Co. The couple has 12 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren



Couple Announce Engagement

Robbie and D'Aun Autry of Tahoka announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Chelsee D'Lea Autry, to Jamar Maurice Jordan, son of Bennie and Carolyn Jordan of Lubbock

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Bob and Paula Foley of Goodland, Tx., Tom and Linda Autry of Midland, and Jack and Helen Stephenson of Wilson. The future bridegroom is the grandson of Elaine Rodgers and Emma Rowe, both of Lubbock.

The future bride is a 2003 graduate of Tahoka High School and is currently a junior at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview.

Jordan is a 2001 graduate of Estacado High School in Lubbock, and is currently a senior at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview.

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Question: Do we love ourselves?

When we are born into this world we are oblivious to anyone else's opinion. We just want to be loved, fed and cared for. Babies don't care if you forgot to put on part of your makeup. When they gaze into your eyes they want to see that mutual look of admiration and love that they look at you with. They just don't care if your clothes match. They don't even care if you have a hair on your head. I watched an alarming thing on anorexia ... beautiful people are literally dying because they don't feel right about themselves. People who are perfectly beautiful until they begin starving themselves to death. Models, movie stars, normal people and even 9-year-old children have this sickness. I have seen beautiful people get so much facial reconstruction they looked scary. Look in the mirror and remember this: The almighty God made you just how you came into this world. He thinks you are beautiful. He doesn't make junk. If someone else doesn't think so, that's their problem. Let them take it up with God. He is your designer. Love yourself. It's okay.

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He died Monday, Nov. 21, 2005 in Lubbock, Tx. He was born on March 11, 1941 to Tiburcia and Donaciana Valero Perez, who preceded him in death. He married Andrea Flores Perez in 1968. He was a cotton ginner and moved to O'Donnell from Raymondville, Texas in 1972. He attended La Primera Iglesia Bautista in

O'Donnell. Andrea Perez of O'Donnell; one son, Jesse Perez of Lubbock; two daughters: Norma Blondin of Florida, and Elvia Candelas of Dallas; 14 grandchildren and greatgrandchildren.

Cobbler

The couple will exchange vows December 23, 2005, at 7:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Tahoka.

Grassland Church Revival Set December 4-7

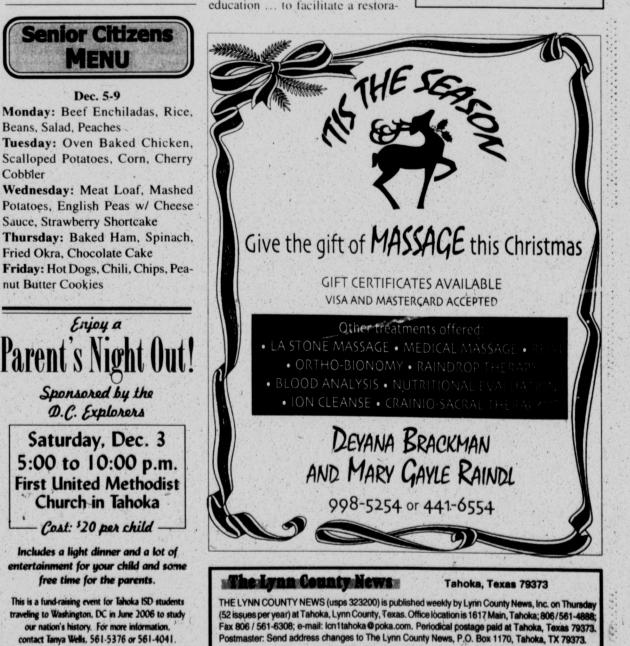
A "Renewal Of Praise" revival will be held at Grassland Church of Survivors include his wife, the Nazarene on Sunday, Dec. 4 through Wednesday, Dec. 7. Services will be held at 10:30 am and 6:00 pm Sunday and at 7:00 pm nightly Monday-Wednesday.

"My passion and calling by God is to lead worship and teach worship education ... to facilitate a restora-

tion of the private and public worship life of the body of Christ. Come and together, let's seek God's presence and renew our worship of Him," states Worship Revivalist Marcus Whitworth.

The church is located in Grassland - from Tahoka take Hwy. 380 East 11 miles, turn South on FM 212 for 2 miles, then West 1/4 mile.

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Officially sworn in ... Donnis Scott (left) was officially sworn in as a lawyer in the State of Texas by 106th District Judge Carter Schildknecht (right) at the Lynn County Courthouse Tuesday. Mrs. Scott is an attorney at Huffaker Law Firm in Tahoka. (LCN PHOTO)

Wilson State Bank Announces Promotions

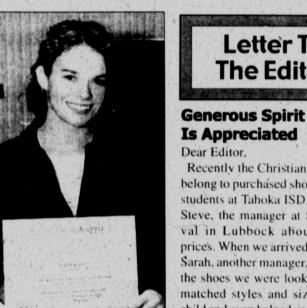
Wilson State Bank is pleased to announce the promotions of Steve Sherrill to Executive Vice President, Mickey Hughes to Vice President, and Becky Ussery to Assistant Vice President and to announce the addition of Julia Castro as a member of the Board of Directors.

Sherrill has an Agricultural Economics degree from West Texas University and is a graduate of the New Mexico School of Banking. He has 28 years of banking experience, three of which have been with Wilson State Bank at the Tahoka branch office

Hughes has an Agricultural Education Degree from Texas Tech University and 15 years banking experience. He has been with Wilson State Bank for almost two years. He divides his time between the offices at Wilson and Tahoka.

Mrs. Usserv has worked at Wilson State Bank for eight years and has received diplomas in General Banking, Bank Operations, and Consumer Lending from the Center, for Financial Training.

Mrs. Castro is a retired banker. having worked for Wilson State Bank for over 40 years.



McNeely Inducted Into SPC Honor Society

SPC Sundown Room

ASHLEY MCNEELY

Letter To **The Editor**

Recently the Christian group that I belong to purchased shoes for needy students at Tahoka ISD. L contacted Steve, the manager at Shoe Carnival in Lubbock about discount prices. When we arrived at the store, Sarah, another manager, found all of the shoes we were looking for. She matched styles and sizes for each child and even helped us find the best deal on socks. Our group purchased nice, name brand shoes and socks for six students at a huge discount price and in record time.

At this time of year many folks complain about the commercialism South Plains College inducted of Christmas, but I have witnessed a



All Region Singer ... Trey Daves is shown holding his Junior High All-Region Choir patch and award. In competition against 400+ students from 2A -5A junior high students, Trey placed first chair 1st tenor in the iunior high tenor-bass choir. Last Saturday after practicing all day, the All Region Jr. High Tenor-Bass Choir, the Jr. High Treble Choir, and the High School Choir performed at Lubbock's Monterey High School that evening, with each choir performing four numbers. "We are very proud of

Trey and his accomplishments,

especially that a small school

student can compete and even

excel against students from large

junior highs as those of

Lubbock," stated directors



Silver Medallists at District OAP ... These Wilson ISD junior high students won Second Place at the District One Act Play contest at Dawson, for their performance of "Bernice Bobs Her Hair." Each of the students received silver medals for their second place win.



All-Star Performers ... These Wilson Junior High students were awarded individual medals at District One Act Play contest. Stacie Marquez and Heather Hare made the All Star Cast, and Wade Warren and Dillon Rodriguez made the Honorable Mention All Star Cast. Additionally, Savanna Pena (not shown) received an award for best crew.

Lynn Commissioners Approve **Contract For Indigent Defense**

Wilson Jr. High OAP Wins 2nd At District

On Saturday, Nov. 19. seventeen Wilson ISD junior high students competed in the district One Act Play contest at Dawson, bringing home a second place win for the cast and crew. They performed "Bernice Bobs Her Hair," an adaptation by D.D. Brooke from the classic short, story from F. Scott Fitzgerald.

Each of the students received silver medals for their second place win. In addition, five of the students were awarded individual medals. Stacie Marquez and Heather Hare made the All Star Cast, Wade Warren and Dillon Rodriguez made the Honorable Mention All Star Cast. and Savanna Pena received an award for best crew

Completing the ensemble and crew were Lindsey Aldous, Jenna Autry, Cody Cross, Brandon Bassinger, Laura Joiner, Felipe Ortega, Rito Martinez, Amber Valadez, Macayla Kirk, Artie Castillo, Haley Kirk, and Johnny Valdez. Val Perkins and Vicki Oden directed the play.

'Bernice Bobs Her Hair" is a play set in the summer of the early 1920's at a the dance floor of a midwestern country club. The sweet, but dull Bernice (played by Heather Hare) is visiting her vamp of a cousin Marjorie (played by Stacie Marquez). Marjorie coaches her cousin into becoming a smoothtalking flirt, but the makeover works too well. Bernice becomes the belle of the ball, captivating every boy at the dance including Marjorie's boyfriend, Warren. (played by Cody Cross). When the tables turn, the changed Bernice realizes that she has been a pawn in Marjorie's societal game and develops a plan of her own to have the last laugh ... a clever and ironic twist that surprises the audi-

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daughter of Todd and Rhonda McNeely of Tahoka.

Requirements for induction include attendance at an institution offering an associate degree program, complete at least 12 hours of coursework and maintain a grade point average of 3.5. Members experience several benefits including

enrollment in a senior college data-

base, access to letters of recommen-

dation and a membership pin.

Kappa International Honor Society you Shoe Carnival for your generon November 15 at 7:00 pm in the osity. Vivian McAfee Member of Women in Christ McNeely, a THS graduate, is the

Ashley McNeely of Tahoka into the commercial business that expressed

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Carroll Rhodes and Lora Smith. SPC Hosts New Student

Experience

South Plains College will be hosting New Student Experience sessions on December 8 and January 11 from 7:45 am to 3:00 pm on the Levelland campus. The fee is \$15 for students including lunch on campus.

The New Student Experience is a great opportunity for students and parents to visit the South Plains College campus and the community of Levelland. All new or transfer students with less than 15 credit hours are encouraged to attend the experience

The experience will allow students to meet faculty and staff, explore career choices, learn about campus life and organizations, meet with an academic advisor, register for spring classes and learn about financial aid options. There also will be a special question and answer session for parents.

Any student wanting to attend must have college placement scores or exemptions on file in order to attend New Student Experience. To check their test status the student can refer to their acceptance letter. If testing needs to be arranged the student must register in person or mail their testing fees. For more information about testing, contact the Levelland campus at (806) 894-9611, ext. 2530 or for the Reese Center, Bryon Martin Center or Plainview Center contact (806) 885-3048, ext. 4689.

For testing information or to **RSVP** for New Student Experience, visit www.southplainscollege.edu/ counseling. For more information, contact 806-894-9611, extension 2366

Lynn County Commissioners

met in regular session Monday morning, conferring with District Judge Carter Schildknecht regarding the 2006 Indigent Defense Contract for the 106th District and for Lynn County. Judge Schildknecht presented information and recommended a contract with attorney Artic Aguilar for indigent defense.

and commissioners unanimously. approved the contract for \$7.734 for the year 2006. The contract is based on pro rata

shares for each of the four counties. in the 106th judicial district, based on the previous year's number of indigent cases. The total contract is after the one-hour session. for \$60,000, with Dawson County paying \$22,644. Gaines County's share at \$20,568 and Garza County's share slightly higher than Lynn County, at \$9,054. Last year, Lynn

Prairie dogs "kiss" by pressing their teeth against each other's face. The kiss enables each animal to tell whether the other belongs to the same family group.

County had 41 defendants served under the indigent defense contract; Garza had 48 defendants. Gaines 109, and Dawson 120, according to information presented by Judge Schildknecht.

In other business, commissioners discussed a waiver for retirement for part-time employees, but tabled any action on the issue until the next meeting for further information.

Commissioner Precinct 2 will seek bids for a new motor grader. with commissioners unanimously approving the request. Monthly bills were approved as presented, and commissioners adjourned at 10 p.m.

County Judge H.G. Franklin presided at the meeting, with all four commissioners present, including Don Morton, J.T. Miller, Don Blair and Mike Braddock.

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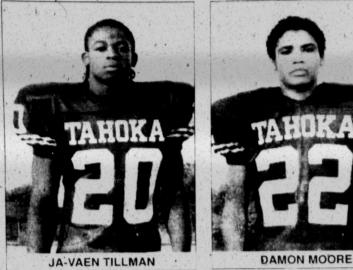
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A Christmas Guest by Anne Perry

During a holiday visit to the home of Charlotte Pitt's parents, Grandmama is called upon to play the role of amateur detective when a fellow guest-an outcast from her own family-is murdered.



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Tillman, Moore Unanimous First Team All-District FB

Ja-Vaen Tillman, who led defense, Taboka's rushing attack last seasonwith 961 yards despite missing one game, and Damon Moore, detensive back who had twice as many tackles as any of his teammates, both were unanimous choices on this year's and Moore, both are juniors and All-District Football first team.

the second team and two on honorable mention.

Garcia, and on defense, end Matt yards and two touchdowns. McLelland, plus tackle Garcia and defensive back Price also made it on tackles and 40 assisted tackles.

Quarterback Patrick Dotson was

honorable mention on offense and. linebacker Jeremy Antu made that list on detense

The two first teamers', Tillman should be back next season for Tahoka also placed six players on Coach Steve Hervford's Bulldogs.

Tillman averaged 5.4 yards per carry with 177 carries for the 961 Second feam choices were wide vards, and scored 63 points, includreceiver Troy Price, offensive guard ing nine touchdowns. He also threw Tv Cloe, offensive tackle Nathan five passes, completing three for 134

Moore was credited with 93 solo



WILSON ALL DISTRICT HONORABLE MENTION - Wilson High School students RJ Hicks, Nathan Bassinger, Randy Rodriguez, Andrew Borrayo, Rueben Quezada, Landon Wilke. and Jonathan Perez were named All District Honorable Mention for football this year.



Gins Eye High Bale Counts ...

(continued from page 1)

of February, if the weather holds. Ballard said The quality of the cotton is ex-

cellent, and the grades have been coming back great," he added. The Texas Star Co-Op Gin at

Wilson/Union is ginning from 1100 to 1200 bales every day, with a bale count up to 46.239 as of Tuesday morning:

As of right now, we have 96,327 bales ginned and tagged, and we think we'll gin around £10,000 bales. before we finish, probably by the end of January or first week of Febru- 2004 ary," said Buzz Cooper, Texas Star manager. "We're just tickled. We called the compress to look at figures from last year, and we're at 45,000 bales compared to only at this time last year; and Lynn. 21,000 bales ginned at this same time last year." he added.

ting 120.850 bales in 2004, and Coo- They ginned 7.175 bales of cotton, per said if the hail hadn't wiped out and damaged producers' crops in a got it, we would definitely be looking at more cotton than last year -

but we're very pleased with this year's numbers," he added.

Woolam Gin in O'Donnell had ginned 16.276 bales by Tuesday morning, compared to 4.796 at this same date last year, going on to set an annual record of 42,675 bales for 2004. Wells Coop Gin set a record in 2004 also, with 36,809 bales, and they are currently at 12,000 bales and counting, compared to 5,525 at this time last year. Grassland Coop Gin is at 5,766 bales this week, a marked increase from last year's 652 bales on Nov. 30, 2004. They also had a banner year with 17,902 bales in

Close City Gin in Post had a record-setting 12.027 bales in 2004. and are currently at 4,118 bales this week: compared to only 500 bales County Gin reported a bale count of 2.453 Tuesday morning, compared Texas Star ginned a record-set- to only 55 bales at this time last year. in 2004, their first year of operation. All in all, the numbers are look-

swath east of Union to the Hackberry ing very good for Lynn County proarea, the numbers would be higher ducers and gins, and if the weather than that this year. "If the hail hadn't continues to hold, ginning at most area gins should be nearly completed . by the end of January.

Hospital Eyes Changes In Financial Reporting

Lynn County Hospital directors Dr. George Garza, a Lubbock anes-Tuesday discussed possible changes thesiologist. in financial reports with Brandon Durbin of Lubbock, the hospital's accountant, who explained several options which might make it easier for board members to understand all the financial aspects of hospital operations

Hospital Administrator Jim Moris advised the board that all-day training sessions in bio-terrorism are scheduled Dec. 6 and Jan. 11 for representatives of the various departments of the hospital.

The board passed resolutions involving policy and procedures and approved medical staff privileges for Ford,

Rates for residents at Lynnwood were compared to rates of other assisted living facilities in the area and

> it was decided to leave the rates as they are at this time. Resignation of longtime board member Virginia Griffing for health reasons was submitted by letter and accepted with regret by the board.

Board president Billy Tomlinson presided. Other board members present were Joan Knox, Cal Huffaker, Regina Crutcher and Dalton Wood. Absent was Jerry-



"Christmas For Kids"

Area residents who are interested in "adopting" a child or a family of children to provide gifts for "Christmas For Kids" have until Dec. 5 to sign up at the Lynn County Treasurer's office. This "adopting" program provides an opportunity for individuals, families, Sunday School classes and civic organizations to get personally involved in providing gifts for families in Lynn County who are unable to provide gifts for their children. Call the Treasurer's Office at 561-4055 to volunteer to. provide gifts.

Also, the Christmas For Kids program can use help in wrapping the hundreds of packages for the gifts, and anyone who would like to volunteer to help wrap or provide wrapping paper/boxes/gift bags should call the Treasurer's Office!





Christie Cloud painted holiday messages on storefront windows in Tahoka Tuesday, like this one on the window at Tahoka Drug, as area residents begin putting out their holiday decorations for (LCN PHOTO)

Fees Increase For Birth/Death **Records Here**

Fees for issuance of Texas Vital Statistics records are increasing this week, effective Dec. 1, according to information released this week by the Lynn County Clerk's Office in Tahoka. The Texas Department of Health Services has officially amended Texas Administrative Code Title. 25 Chapter 181 changing the fee schedule, and local registrars must charge the same fees as charged by the state office, says County Clerk Susan Tipton.

For birth search/certificate, the cost will be \$23 each, nearly doubling the previous fee, which was \$12 each. Death search/certificates will be \$21 each (up from \$10 previously), and additional death certificates ordered at the same time will : remain at \$4 each.

For more information regarding , vital statistics records, contact the

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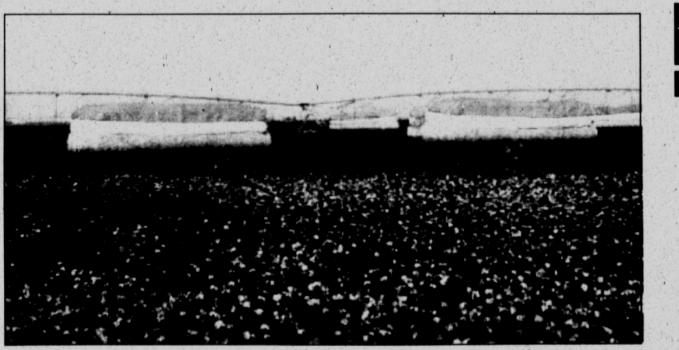
Monday: Chicken Fried Steak Sandwich, Pinto Beans, Apple Tuesday: Chicken Quesadilla. Carrot/ Cucumber, Lettuce/Tomato, Grapes Wednesday: Fiesta Salad, Cheese Cup. Refried Beans, Pineapple Tidbits Thursday: Popcorn Chicken. Mac & Cheese, Green beans, Carrot/ Cucumber. Orange Half Friday: Chili Cheese Dog. Tator Tots.

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Due in January

Gone by Lisa Gardner. Just Rewards by Barbara Taylor Bradford. Hostage by W.E.B. Griffin. All Night Long by Jayne Ann Krentz. Memory in Death by J.D. Robb, Death Dance by Linda Fairstein. Emily Post's Wedding Etiquette by Peggy Post, and The Cat Who Dropped a Bombshell by Lilian Jackson Braun

Texas Golf Pass Makes Great Gift

Over 280 Texas golf courses have teamed up with the American Cancer Society's 2006 Texas Golf Pass to help raise money to fight cancer in Texas. And, it's just in time for the holidays.

For a \$35 contribution, it provides golfers over 692 rounds of golf at 282 Texas courses. The Texas Golf Pass can be ordered by calling 1-800-ACS-2345 or online at www.texasgolfpass.com. The 'web site has a special search feature to help you find participating courses. American Express, VISA and Master Card accepted.

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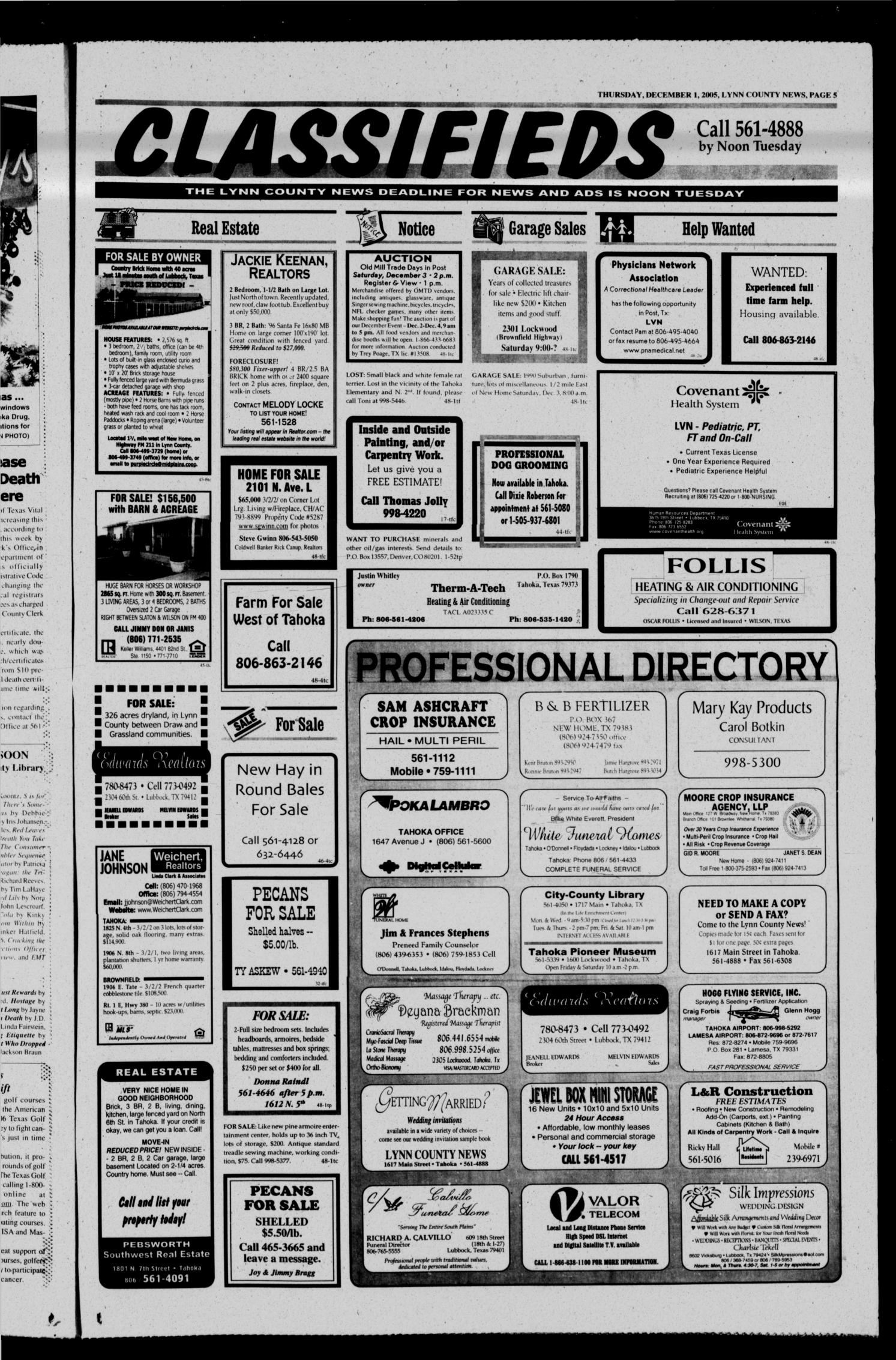




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Lions Club Gets Donation ... Mike Jones, President of Wilson Lions Club, accepts a \$1,000 check from Vicki Sharp, representing Wal-Mart #945, located at 4th street and Loop 289 in Lubbock. The grant funds will be used for various charitable club activities, including a donation to the Lynn County Christmas for Kids fund.

Tahoka Sports News

by Tahoka High School Journalism Students

Varsity Boys Basketball By Brandi Raindl

The Bulldogs traveled to Wichita Falls over the Thanksgiving holidays for the Fantasy of Lights Tournament. The Bulldogs deteated New Boston, but was then deteated by Olney. In the last gameof the tournament, the Bulldogs deteated. San Antonio Stevens

There were no other stats available tor the tournament.

The Bulldogs hosted Stanton for the first home game of the season Nov. 21. They deteated the Buffalo's 71-33. Zach Tillman led the Dogs with 15, Troy Price was close behind with 14, and Damon Moore added 10

The Bulldogs traveled to Dimmitt and defeated the Bobcats 62-53, on Nov. 18. Z. Tillman was high point with 25 and Price had 12.

On November 15, the Buildogs hadtheir season opener against the Cooper-Pirates. The Bulldogs began the season with a bang, beating the Pirates 62-41. The Bulldogs offense was on, having tour players in double figures. Colby Gardner led the Dogs with 15 points, Jay Tillman and Moore were close behind with 11 and 7 Tillman finished with 10

Varsity Girls **By Meghan Saldana**

The Lady Bulldogs traveled to Wichita Falls for The Fantasy of Lights Tournament, Nov. 25-26

They defeated Bowie in the first round 61-46. Meghan Saldana led all scorers with 24 points, and Carissa Hall added 12.

Howe came out on top in the 2nd round beating them 76-78 in overtime. Saldana was high scorer with 33 and Brandi Raindl had 18 points.

In the last game of the tourney the Lady Dogs faced Olney, the team who knocked them out of the playoffs last year. They happily repaid them with a 58-49 victory. Saldana was top scorer with 19 points, and Raindl was close behird with 17

The Lady Bulldogs defeated to Stanton 54-28, on Nov 21. Brandi Raindl was high point with 18.

The girls traveled to Dimmit on Nov 18 They defeated the Bobbies 71-45. Meghan Saldana led all scorers with: 18 points: Raindl and Carissa Hall were close behind with 15 a piece. Samantha Andrews chipped in with 10 points of her own.

They were defeated 45-63, by Lubbock Coronado on Nov. 14. Saldana was high scorer with 11 points.

Wilson Lions Club **Receives \$1,000** Wal-Mart Grant

The Wilson Lions Club recently received a \$1,000 dollar grant from Wal-Mart to be used for various charitable club activities. Wilson Lions Club president, Mike Jones, said a portion of the money would be used to help with the Lynn County Christmas, for Kids fund and other local and state uses as well.

Wal-Mart #945, located at 4th street and Loop 289 in LubBock, has donated to the Wilson Lions Clubbefore and other civic and charitable organizations in Lynn County. Through the hard work of each associate in that store these grants are awarded each year.

"On behalf of the Wilson Lions Club I wish to express my thanks to Connie Donald and Victor Steinhauser for helping us secure this grant. I would also like to thank Vicki Sharp and every associate at Wal-Mart #945 for their hard work and generous spirit in making these grants a reality to be used in our communities," said Lion President Jones.

JV Bulldogs By Chelsea Terry

The Junior Varsity played against Stanton on November 21st. The dogs took lead during first quarter and won 38-28. The top scorers were Kasen Stanley and Devin Lester with 8 points each.

JV Girls Basketball By Callie Botkin

The JV Lady Bulldogs played Stanton on Monday, Nov. 21, and won 30-22. Lauren Botkin was high scorer with 20 points. Inklebarger with 10 with 7 and Samantha Pridmore was close behind with 6.

The JV Lady Bulldogs defeated Dimmit, 52-25 on Friday, Nov 18. Jessica McLelland was high scorer with 25 points

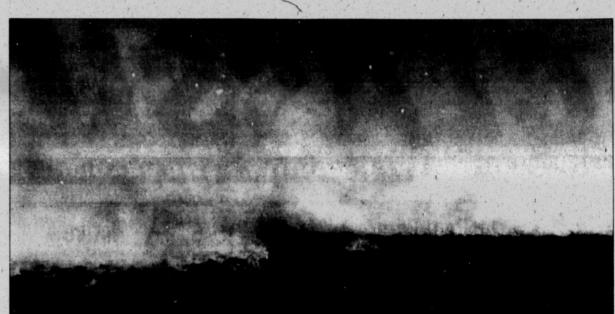
The JV girls played Coronado on Nov. 15 and lost 19-65. The high scorer for the Lady Bulldogs was McLelland with 6 points.

Freshmen Basketball Team **By Juan Hernandez**

The freshman basketball team played against Shallowater and lost 20-

points. Kyle Larpenter followed him with 4 points The freshman basketball team lost to Abernathy. The final score was 30-

Antonio Baker led the team with 16



Wilson, Tahoka **Firefighters**

Respond

Wilson and Tahoka Volunteer Firemen confer at a grass fire on Tuesday, Nov. 22. The fire started along Hwy 400 near the county dumpgrounds and went East, burning over two sections of CRP grass and pasture. Two houses and four livestock barns were threatened in the path of the fire, but the volunteer firefighters successfully battled the blaze, and no loss of houses or barns occurred. Another grass fire, at T-Bar golf course, occurred during the same time, with Tahoka VFD sending a small pumper and two firemen to put out the blaze. (LCN PHOTOS)

Tahoka Fire Department Responds to Grass Fires

last six weeks, answering 20 calls since Oct. 19 to date. The month of November had 13 calls, 9 of which were in the last 10 days. This has month and in a week this year, ac- tion for the department. cording to Fire Chief Jimmy Woodard.

partment responded to, along with occurred last Tuesday, Nov. 22, near along with two firemen. the Lynn County dumpgrounds on FM 400.

The Tahoka Volunteer Fire De- and West Texas Agriplex with delivpartment has been busy during the ery of additional water. Winds were gusting 25 to 30 mph. Volunteers were on the site about 6 hours," he said, adding that there was no loss of structures and all firemen came been the largest number of calls in a home, making it a successful operaWha

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A second fire call was received during this same time at the T-Bar One of the biggest fires the de- Golf Course West of Tahoka. The pumper that is always left in town Wilson Volunteer Fire Department, for this reason was sent to this site.

"About half of the Tahoka Vol-

points and Rivas with 4 points. **B** Team Bball Girls By D'Maris Murillo The Middle School Lady B-Team Played Shallowater Mustangs November 28, and lost 6-17. Chyann Isbell led the team scoring 4 points.

The Middle School Lady B-Team played Abernathy November 21, and lost 7-15. Isbell made 5 points.

The Middle School B-Basketball team played in an O'Donnell tournament November 1. They lost first to O'Donnell Black 6-30, Isbell scoring all 6 points. Then they played and lost to O'Donnell Gold 9-25, leading the scorer was Isbell with 4 points. Danielle Wilborn scored 2 and Felicia Sandobal

Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Wilson Independent School District will hold a Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, December 8, 2005 in the Wilson ISD School Library, 1411 Green Avenue, Wilson, Texas to discuss the District's Financial Integrity Rating System (FIRST) Report. The hearing is required by law and will be held in conjunction with the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees. The District's rating for tinancial accounting year 2003-2004 is Superior Achievement. 47-2tc

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Lahoka Independent School District will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday. December 8, 2005 in conjunction with the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees. The hearing will be for the purpose of discussion of he Academic Excellence indicator System report for 2004-05. The district's rating for 2004-05 is Academically Acceptable.

The meeting will be at the district's administrative offices at 2129 N. Main St. Tahoka: Texas. The meeting will begin at 8:00 p.m. 48-1tc

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Tahoka ISD Board of Trustees will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, December 8, 2005 at 8:00 p.m. at the district's administrative offices located at 2129 N. Main St., Tahoka, Texas,

The Public Hearing will be held in conjunction with the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees. The purpose of the hearing will be to accept comments regarding the first day of instruction for the 2006-07 school year. The district intends to apply for a waiver of the prohibition concerning the first day of instruction that will allow the first day of instruction to be August 14, 2006 for the 2006-07 school year. 48-1tc

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8th Grade Boys **By Veronica Lopez**

The 8th grade boys lost to Shallowater and lost 8-54 Nov. 21. Matt Taylor had 6 points and Seth Hawthorne had 2.

was the high scorer with 20 points.

The 8th grade boys lost 34-59 to Abernathy on Nov. 21. Stormy Moore

8th Grade Girls **By D'Maris Murillo**

The 8th grade Lady Bulldogs played the Shallowater Mustangs on Nov. 28, and lost 32-48. Kyra Helms led the team, scoring 18 points. Following her was Meghann Rivas scoring 7 points. while Stephanie DeLeon and Brook Inklebarger scored 2 points each.

The 8th Grade Lady Bulldogs defeated the Abernathy Antelopes Nov. 21. 41-31. The leading scorers were Helms



Defensive Driving Video

7th Girls Basketball **By Samantha Andrews**

had I point.

The 7th grade girls lost their game to Shallowater 37-27. Kenzi Angeley and Taylor Ford both contributed 7 points with Morgan Lockaby right behind them with 5.

The 7th grade Lady Dogs defeated Abernathy 41-19 on Nov. 21. Taylor Ford led the team with 12 points. Right behind her was Morgan Lockaby and Kalee Wuensche who added 8 each.

7th Boys Basketball By David Hernandez

The 7th grade Boys Bulldogs lost against Shallowater with a score of 13-

The top scorers are Kyron Lawson with 5 points. Neiko Rodriguez with 4 points and Ricardo Delgado and Tanner Hall both with 2 points

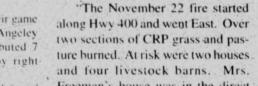
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Goodnight Nobody

by Jennifer Wiener

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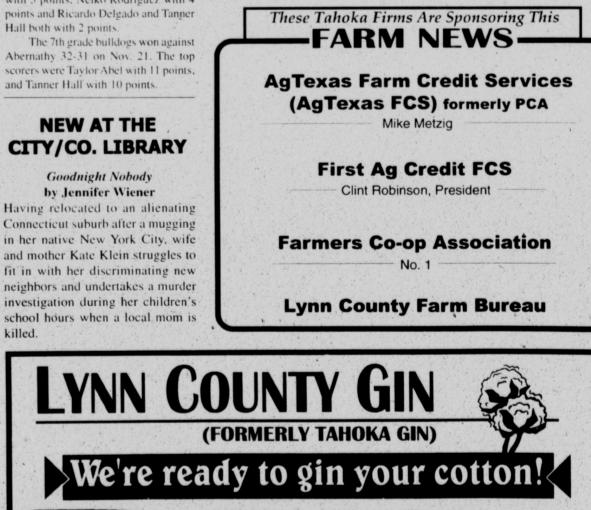
firemen really did their job at Mrs. Freeman's house to save it. I did not think they could save this house in time as the fire got closer, but they did save this house. No loss of houses or barns occurred during this fire," said Woodard.

Department as well as Kent Stone danger, the chief explained.

unteer Fire Department members are "The November 22 fire started involved in the cotton harvest," said Woodard.

"With the rain of this year, there ture burned. At risk were two houses is a very good growth of grass and and four livestock barns. Mrs. vegetation causing a very heavy fire Freeman's house was in the direct load in the city and county. Citizens line of fire. The Tahoka and Wilson should take note and establish a fire guard around any house, barn, or equipment that could be in danger of loss by fire," the fire chief said.

This year has seen a very large number of module fires throughout the county. Normally the fire department does not respond to module "We had help from Wilson Fire fires unless other property is also in





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